

From: W. Nathaniel Mills, III
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/14/02 3:19pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement.

Please read my note below originally sent to Richard Blumenthal, AG, State of CT. Thank you, Nat.

Forwarding...

Monday, January 14, 2002 3:16 PM

To: "W. Nathaniel Mills, III" <nat@classobjects.com>

cc:

Subject: Re: Thanks for not supporting DOJ cave-in to M\$

"W. Nathaniel Mills, III" wrote:

> It makes me proud to reside in a state not afraid to seek justice,
> regardless of the potential political fallout. Please continue to
> pursue litigation against Microsoft. They have done so much to
> constrain innovation in the personal (and now business) computer
> marketplace, it would be a shame to see them walk away with little
> more than a slap on the wrist. The first question investors ask small
> technology companies seeking funds is "what will you do when Microsoft
> replicates your technology and offers it for free?" How can you
> counter such a question, unless you believe you have some remedy in
> the courts to be protected from such aggressive, monopolistic
> behavior?
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> Best Regards, Nat
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> W. Nathaniel Mills, III
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> Coventry, CT, 06238
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Dear Mr. Mills:

Thank you for your recent thoughtful correspondence concerning the
Microsoft
antitrust case.

As you know, on November 6, 2001, the United States Department of
Justice
and Microsoft filed a proposed settlement. I did not join that
settlement
because I do not believe it would accomplish the goals we set when we
filed
the case. Nor would it accomplish the remedial goals set by the U.S.

Court
of Appeals: (1) to prohibit the illegal conduct and similar conduct in
the
future, (2) to spark competition in this industry; and (3) to deprive
Microsoft of its illegal gains.

You may also express your opinion to the judge of the federal trial
court
considering this settlement by filing written comments with the United
States Department of Justice by January 28, 2002, as follows:

Mail: Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
601 D Street NW
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530-0001

[NOTE: Given recent mail delivery interruptions in Washington, D.C.,
and
current uncertainties involving the resumption of timely mail service,
the
Department of Justice strongly encourages that comments be submitted via
e-mail or fax.]

E-mail: microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov
In the Subject line of the e-mail, type "Microsoft Settlement."

Fax : 1-202-307-1454 or 1-202-616-9937

Please keep me informed of your opinions on the case.

Thank you again for contacting me.

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Sincerely,
Richard Blumenthal
Attorney General